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Edmontonians could get $1000 for a new furnace

Climate change program unique in Canada

Edmonton, March 12, 2008 – Up to 800 Edmontonians could get $1000 for a more efficient furnace in 2008, thanks to the City of Edmonton's Carbon Dioxide Reduction Edmonton program (CO_2RE).

The City will match the $500 furnace grants available through the federal ecoENERGY Retrofit program. "We are the only city in Canada to offer supporting residential retrofit rebates and they have provided added incentive for Edmontonians to upgrade to high-efficiency gas furnaces," says Brenda Osborne, CO_2RE Program Manager.

"Even better, over half of these Edmontonians made more upgrades beyond their furnaces, reducing their energy use and the greenhouse gas emissions responsible for climate change even further," Osborne added.

In 2007, 203 Edmonton homeowners received a $500 furnace rebate from CO_2RE (out of an available 400 rebates) and 20 low income households received $2,000 furnace rebates. CO_2RE also distributed 39 New Home Builders' rebates for Built Green Gold certified homes. By taking advantage of these rebates, Edmontonians reduced their greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 600 tonnes.

To qualify, residents must have both a pre- and post-retrofit energy evaluation conducted at their home and install a qualifying furnace. Homeowners have 18 months to complete the process.

CO_2RE has also doubled the number of $2,000 furnace rebates available – from 20 to 40 – for low income households enrolled in the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) and added two new categories to its New Home Builders' Rebate program. Rebates are now available to builders of both single family houses and multi-residential buildings receiving Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze, Built Green certification.

For more information about these rebates, visit www.co2re.ca or call 780-944-CORE (2673). To learn about other CO_2RE promotions, Edmontonians are encouraged to join CO_2RE. Membership is free and includes regular newsletters, special

promotional offers and expert advice on energy improvements, costs savings and greenhouse gas emissions. CO_2RE is part of EcoVision Edmonton ®, Council's vision for an environmentally sustainable city.

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About CO_2RE:

CO_2RE is the City's community greenhouse gas emission reduction program dedicated to helping all sectors reduce their energy use, energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions responsible for climate change.

About Edmonton:

This is a city alive with energy and boundless opportunity - a growing economic powerhouse where business thrives and more than a million lives enjoy the freedom to explore, experiment, experience, excel and expect the most out of every day. A place like no other, Edmonton is filled with surprises great and small and a calendar packed with artistic, sporting, theatrical and cultural celebration.

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